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The President's Message

The other day, I was walking by the area where our gas carts are kept and stopped to watch some caddies fill the carts with gas. At our course, we do not hire anyone to care for the carts as far as gassing, clean-up or routine maintenance (it is done by whoever is available at the time) the grounds department is responsible for all major mechanical and body repair. As I watched two carts collided, leaving a hole in the fiberglass body of one of them; another repair job for the crew this winter, added cost for maintenance and possible member dissatisfaction. I began to wonder how many times this type incident occurred in the past and how many times it would occur in the future. Certainly, there was a solution to the problem; to go even further, we must admit the same possibility can occur in our daily work on the golf course itself. How many times has damage been done to your course by a man who either does not know the right way to do the job or does not have the pride and responsibility to do the job correctly? I think it has happened to all of us at one time or another. The solution; hire competent help.

To obtain the type of employee, we as Superintendents must push our clubs for more and better wages and fringe benefits. In a time when we have to compete with industry for help, we must be able to offer them something close to what industry offers. We have to push for better wages, insurance, and pension plans. I feel that in this way we can obtain an employee that can be trained to do the job right and also take sincere pride in performing his task. In effect, it will make our job easier and allow us to do it better. Maybe as an association, we have thought of ourselves too much and have not tried to persuade our clubs to obtain benefits for our men. Maybe in the future, the M.A.G.C.S. can direct some of its efforts in this direction so that we all can benefit: the Club, ourselves and the Golf Course.

Denis Straus

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